PET HELP RESOURCES

For residents of Alamance County (and surrounding areas)

Before you surrender, have you tried all your options?

Burlington Animal Services makes every effort to save the lives of the animals in our care. Even so, any animal surrendered to Burlington Animal Services may potentially be euthanized for health, behavior, or space issues. Please make surrendering your animal your last option.

Below are some resources and options for common problems that animal owners face. Please feel free to discuss your concerns with our staff—we are here to help you!

Behavior problems

Most behavioral problems are due to boredom and/or frustration and can be resolved with simple exercise, attention, and consistency. Obedience training can be very helpful in solving many problems. If your pet is having behavioral problems, consider enrolling your pet in a local dog training class or consult a pet behaviorist.

Local dog training classes are offered at:

- PetSmart

 1459 University Drive, Burlington, NC 27215
 336-524-0229
 http://stores.petsmart.com/1413
- Dogtown Training Academy 2846 Rob Shepard Drive, Burlington, NC 27215 336-570-1144 http://www.dogtowntrainingacademy.com/
- Ultimate Canine Care
 3554 Boy Wood Road, Graham, NC 27253
 336-228-8778
 http://www.ultimatecaninecare.com/
- Paws4ever
 6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, NC 27302
 919-241-8438
 http://paws4ever.org/train

You can find free resources on animal behavior online at:

Wake County SPCA's Pet Resources Library:
 http://www.spcawake.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Pet_Resources_Library

- Richmond SPCA's Pet Behavior Library: http://www.richmondspca.org/behavior
- ASPCA's Virtual Pet Behaviorist: http://www.aspca.org/Pet-care/virtual-pet-behaviorist

Barking

Nuisance barking is usually due to boredom, frustration, or anxiety. If your dog is excessively barking, please consider:

- Is your dog getting enough exercise? Dogs need daily exercise. Consider taking your dog for a walk at least once every day!
- Does your dog have access to food, water, shelter, toys, etc.? Your dog may be barking because he is lacking a basic need. Dogs not only need basic necessities like food, water, and shelter, but they also need enrichment items—such as toys—to help prevent boredom.
- Have you tried obedience training?
- If you are leaving your dog outdoors in your absence, can you put him/her indoors? Your dog will have fewer distractions indoors and thus fewer reasons to bark. Not to mention, a dog barking indoors is less likely to disturb your neighbors than a dog barking outdoors.

You can find free resources on barking online at:

• Barking: http://www.spcawake.org/site/DocServer/Barking_spcawc.pdf?docID=181

Chewing and Other Destructive Behavior

Dogs need and like to chew. As puppies, they chew when they are cutting new teeth, but adult dogs enjoy chewing, too. Chewing releases boredom, frustration, and anxiety. If your dog is chewing destructively, please consider:

- Does your dog have plenty of appropriate chew toys?
- If your dog chews destructively all the time, is he/she getting plenty of exercise and attention?
- Have you tried obedience training?
- If your dog chews destructively only when left alone, have you tried crate training? If destructive behavior occurs in your absence, crating your pet can be very helpful in eliminating these problems. When properly trained, the crate becomes a "den-like" place for your pet and will provide a safe and comfortable place for him/her while you are away. See: http://www.spcawake.org/site/DocServer/Crate_Training_Your_Dog.pdf?docID=3842

You can find free resources on working with destructive behavior online at:

- Puppy Chewing: http://www.spcawake.org/site/DocServer/Puppy_Bhavior_Chewing.pdf?docID=3853
- Dog Chewing: http://www.spcawake.org/site/DocServer/Dogs_Dstrctive_Chewing.pdf?docID=3843
- Separation Anxiety: http://www.richmondspca.org/document.doc?id=97
- Destructive Dog Behavior: http://www.richmondspca.org/document.doc?id=93

Housetraining

House training takes patience and consistency. Here are some tips on training your dog:

- A young puppy needs to release himself/herself every couple of hours. Be sure to give your dog plenty of chances to go outside and relieve himself/herself.
- Take your dog outside, and praise him/her when the dog relieves himself/herself outside. Give him/her verbal praise, a pat on the head, and/or a treat.
- Let your dog go outside immediately if you see signs that he/she needs to go to the restroom, including whining, sniffing, going to the door, and turning in circles.
- Are you leaving your dog alone for too long? If so, consider getting someone to take your dog outside for you. You can also consider crate training, as dogs will not typically use the restroom in their own crates.
- Is your dog neutered? This may cut down on your dog urinating in the house.
- When there is an accident, clean the area thoroughly with an enzymatic cleaner, such as Nature's Miracle. Otherwise, the dog will just return to the same spot.
- If soiling the house is a new behavior, please consider taking your dog to a veterinarian to rule out medical problems.

You can find free resources on housetraining online at:

- Housetraining a Puppy: http://www.richmondspca.org/document.doc?id=86
- Housetraining a Dog: http://www.richmondspca.org/document.doc?id=87

Housing

You don't necessarily have to give up your pet if you are moving. Consult People With Pets (http://www.peoplewithpets.com/) or My Apartment Map (http://www.myapartmentmap.com/pet_friendly/) for directories of apartments and homes that accept pets. Keep in mind that many landlords will allow well-behaved pets and responsible owners. Providing your pet's veterinary records, graduation certificates from obedience classes, and references from past landlords can help demonstrate that you are a responsible pet owner. In

addition, organizations like Hope Now Alliance (http://www.hopenow.com/hopenow-aboutus.php) offer free counseling for homeowners hoping to avoid foreclosure.

If you are temporarily unable to keep your animal, please consider contacting Avalo (http://www.avalohelps.org/), formerly known as Bayou Rescue, which is a local non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping pets and people stay together in times of disaster. You reach Avalo at:

PO Box 3754, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 919-619-7603 hello@avalo.org

Pet friendly apartments in Alamance County include:

• Alamance Reserve

1720 Old Street Marks Church Road, Burlington, NC 336-792-3298

• Auburn Trace

2944 Crouse Lane, Burlington, NC 336-600-1017

• The Brittany

706 Huffman Mill Road, Burlington, NC 336-329-6328

• Eastbrooke Apartments

1903 A Morningside Drive, Burlington, NC 336-313-2974

• Elon Place

739 E Haggard Avenue, Elon, NC 336-338-7154

• Emerald Court/Diamond Square

511 First Street, Gibsonville, NC 336-904-2767

• Ethan Pointe

2978 Ethan Pointe Drive, Burlington, NC 336-422-1841

• The Chase

3508 Garden Road, Burlington, NC 336-899-0806

• Clifton Place

510 Trail One, Burlington, NC 336-701-1719

• The Colony

2008 South Mebane Street, Burlington, NC 336-904-2750

• Glenns at Elon

2434 W Webb Avenue, Burlington, NC

336-792-3064

• Glennwood Apartments

1528 S Mebane Street, Burlington, NC 336-933-0432

• Graham Village Apartments

920 E Hanover Road, Graham, NC 336-226-7155

• Hawthorne at Forestdale

3551C Forestdale Drive, Burlington, NC 336-792-3297

• Kirkwood Place Apartments

2733 Kirkwood Drive, Burlington, NC 336-698-3656

• Partners Place at Elon

102 Campus Walk Trail, Elon, NC 336-506-6848

• Summerlyn Place

750 Boone Station Drive, Burlington, NC 336-586-0040

• Trails End Apartments

34 Sherry Drive, Burlington, NC 336-270-2390

• West Pointe

3102 Commerce Place, Burlington, NC 336-904-2765

• Willow Creek Apartments

1515 S Mebane Street, Burlington, NC 336-864-0253

• Windsor Upon Stonecrest

4229 Stonecrest Drive, Burlington, NC 336-443-1770

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4229 Stonecrest Drive, Elon, NC 336-447-1773

Economic Hardship: Vet Care

If you are unable to afford spay/neuter surgery, please consider the Spay and Neuter Clinic of Alamance County, which is a division of Burlington Animal Services that is committed to reducing the number of unwanted animals who come to the animal shelter each year. The clinic provides low-cost spay and neuter surgery for dogs and cats and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Fees are as follows:

Male cat - \$50Female cat - \$70 Male dog - \$80Female dog - \$90

A rabies vaccine will be required if the animal is not current and will cost \$10.

The clinic is located at 1919 S. Church Street, Burlington, NC, and can be reached at 336-570-6767.

Rabies and microchip clinics are offered throughout the year in Alamance County, where your pet can receive a rabies shot for \$5 and/or a microchip for \$20. A list of upcoming clinics is available here: http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/index.aspx?NID=977

In addition, organizations such as those listed below may be able to provide financial assistance to pet owners in need. Please keep in mind that each organization is independent and has its own set of rules and guidelines; therefore, you will have to investigate each one separately to determine if you qualify for assistance:

National Organizations

• American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA)

https://www.aaha.org/pet_owner/about_aaha/default.aspx

866-443-5738

info@aahahelpingpets.org

AAHA can award grant for needed medical care (non-elective or emergency procedures) for sick or injured companion animals.

• Angels for Animals

916-941-9919

staff@angels4animals.org

When there is an animal facing being euthanized or surrendered because of financial limitations, Angels for Animals works to provide funding to treat the animal in need.

• Brown Dog Foundation

http://www.browndogfoundation.org/process

It is the mission Brown Dog Foundation to offer pet owners in temporary financial crisis an alternative to euthanasia when their pet faces a treatable life-threatening condition in order to restore the quality of life for pet and owner.

• Handicapped Pets Foundation

http://hpets.org/

603-637-2200

Info@Hpets.org

The Handicapped Pets foundation donates mobility equipment to pets in need.

• IMOM (In Memory of Magic)

http://www.imom.org/

IMOM accepts applications for life threatening emergencies involving animals.

The Pet Fund

http://www.thepetfund.com/

916-443-6007

The Pet Fund provides financial assistance to owners of domestic animals who need veterinary care. Often animals are put down or suffer needlessly because their owners cannot afford expensive surgery or medical treatment. Companion animal owners must often make the difficult decision to put an animal down or neglect medical needs because of the costs involved.

RedRover Relief

http://www.redrover.org/program/redrover-relief

916-429-2457

info@RedRover.org

The RedRover Relief program provides financial and emotional support to Good Samaritans, animal rescuers and pet owners to help them care for animals in life-threatening situations and resources to help victims of domestic violence escape abusive environments with their pets.

Cats Only

• Cats in Crisis

http://www.catsincrisis.org/

info@catsincrisis.org

Cats in Crisis Inc. is dedicated to helping individuals and humane organizations care for cats with chronic or emergency medical conditions through financial and fundraising assistance.

• Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program

http://www.fveap.org/sys-tmpl/door/

The Feline Veterinary Emergency Assistance Program provides financial assistance to cat and kitten guardians who are unable to afford veterinary services to save their companions when life-threatening illness or injury strikes.

Dogs Only

• International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP) http://www.iaadp.org/VCP.html

IAADP has established an emergency veterinary fund to provide financial aid to United States IAADP Partner Members whose assistance dogs require high cost veterinary intervention beyond their ability to pay.

Dogs with Cancer

• Canine Cancer Awareness

http://caninecancerawareness.org/apply-for-financial-assistance

Canine Cancer Awareness helps dog owners who are struggling and need assistance to provide their dog with cancer treatment.

• The Magic Bullet Fund

http://www.themagicbulletfund.org/

The Magic Bullet Fund provides financial assistance for canine cancer treatment only when the family is financially unable to provide treatment.

Breed Specific

• American Boxer Rescue Association

http://americanboxerrescue.org/americanboxer/er+fund/default.asp

The ABRA Boxer ER Fund has been set up for assistance for rescued boxers.

• CorgiAid

http://www.corgiaid.org/

CorgiAid is a nonprofit organization founded to provide financial assistance to corgis and corgi mixes.

• Doberman911

http://www.doberman911.org/

Doberman911 is an organization of people with a common goal of helping senior and special needs Dobermans.

Dougal's Fund

http://pghdogs.com/links/financial-assistance---vet-bills-36

Dougal's Fund, Inc., is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to provide funds for medical care of mainly small, short-legged terriers such as Scotties, Westies, Cairns, Norwich, Norfolk, etc.

• The Goldstock Fund

http://www.goldstockfund.org/tgf/index.html

The Goldstock Fund provides funds to rescue organizations or individuals to pay for transportation, boarding, evaluations and medical costs of golden retrievers and golden hearted dogs taken into rescue.

LabMed

http://www.labradorharbor.org/index.html

LABMED's mission is to help rescued Labradors in need of medical attention.

• Pit Bull Rescue Central (PBRC)

http://www.pbrc.net/fund/financial.html

The PBRC website is a virtual shelter and resource for owners and caretakers of American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers, Staffordshire Bull Terriers, and pit bull mixes.

• WestieMed, Inc.

http://www.westiemed.org/

WestieMed helps rescued Westies in need of medical attention.

You can find free resources on pet care online at:

• National Animal Poison Control Center:

http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/poison-control/

• American Veterinary Medical Association Presents: "Care for Pets":

http://www.avma.org/care4pets/

• The Dog Owner's Guide:

http://www.canismajor.com/dog/index.html

• The Discovery Channels Animal Planet:

http://animal.discovery.com/

Economic Hardship: Pet Food

If you are unable to afford pet food, consider contacting Friends of Mebane's Animals (FoMA) (http://www.fomanc.org/), a local non-profit organization that works with pets and their families, along with other local organizations, to provide pet food and low cost spay/neuter assistance, build fences and shelter, and assist with medical expenses in situations where financial need is demonstrated. You can reach FoMA at:

PO Box 914, Mebane, NC 27302 919-883-2156 info@mebanesfurrycitizens.org

Economic Hardship: Fencing

A tethering ordinance has been passed in the city of Burlington (see details here: http://www.ci.burlington.nc.us/index.aspx?NID=1608). FoMA's new program, "Freedom Fences," is under development and will begin in mid-2015. Individuals requesting assistance can sign up to be placed on their wait list now. This program will provide assistance to needy owners of tethered dogs in Alamance County. Visit their website for more information or if you would like to help by volunteering or donating.

Military Deployment

If you are about to deploy, organizations like Guardian Angels for Soldiers' Pet (https://guardianangelsforsoldierspet.org/), the NetPets Military Pets Foster Project (http://www.dogsondeployment.org/index.php), and Military Pets FOSTER Project (http://www.netpets.org/militarypet/foster.php) may be able to help. Organizations such as these have nationwide networks of pet foster homes to support troops. Some boarding facilities also offer significant discounts to military pet owners needing long-term boarding.

Feral Cats

Feral (wild) cats who are surrendered to the shelter are normally not adoptable. If you have feral community cats living near you and would like to help control their population and welfare, you can contact the following organizations for advice on resources in the community.

- Alley Cats and Angels: http://alleycatsandangels.org/
- Caswell Pet Lifeline http://www.caswellpetlifeline.org/wp/
- Feral Cat Assistance Program http://fcap.homestead.com/aboutus.html

- Independent Animal Rescue http://www.animalrescue.net/
- Sparkle Cat Rescue http://www.sparklecatrescue.org/

Rehoming Your Animal

If you must give up your pet, please consider trying to find a permanent home for the animal yourself. You know your pet best, so you will be the best person to advocate for your animal and find him/her a new home.

Please keep in mind, a shelter environment can be stressful for animals, so it is best if you can find them another home before they ever have to come to the shelter.

Some ideas for rehoming your animal include:

- Place an ad in the newspaper—the Times News (http://www.thetimesnews.com/) will run an ad regarding your pet for three days for no charge. You can also post your animal online, on sites such as https://www.petfinder.com/. Always ask for an adoption fee and evaluate adopters carefully. No matter your situation, it is your responsibility as the animal owner to screen prospective new owners.
- Make a poster and distribute it in your community.
- Ask friends and co-workers for help.
- Contact rescue groups. Although many rescue groups are filled to capacity, you can contact them about rehoming your pet. Below are just a few rescue groups who may be able to assist:
 - Adopt Me Animal Rescue: https://www.facebook.com/adoptmeindianarescue
 - Alaskan Malamute Rescue of NC, Inc.: http://www.amrnc.org
 - All Breed Animal Rescue of the Carolinas: http://allbreedanimalrescue.com/
 - Alley Cats and Angels: http://alleycatsandangels.org/
 - Animal Life, Inc.: http://www.animallifeinc.com/
 - Animal Protection Society of Person County: http://www.apsofpc.org/
 - Animal Rescue and Foster Program: http://www.arfpnc.com/
 - Asheville Humane Society: http://www.ashevillehumane.org/
 - Atlantic Rottweiler Rescue Foundation: http://www.arrfnc.com/
 - Avalo (aka Bayou) Rescue: <u>http://avalo.org/</u>

- o Best Friends Pet Adoption:
 - http://www.bfpa.org/
- Big Dog Ranch Rescue: http://www.bdrr.org/
- Blue Ridge Boxer Rescue: http://www.blueridgeboxerrescue.com/
- Boston Terrier Rescue of North Carolina: http://www.btrnc.org/
- Boxer Transfer Network: https://www.boxertransfer.org/
- Boykin Spaniel Rescue: http://www.boykinspanielrescue.org/
- Brother Wolf: http://www.bwar.org/
- Capital Area Rescue Effort (CARE): http://www.carerva.com/
- Carolina Animal Rescue and Adoption: http://www.cara-nc.org/
- Carolina Basset Hound Rescue: http://www.cbhr.com/
- Carolina Border Collie Rescue: http://www.cbcr.org/
- Carolina Boxer Rescue: http://www.carolinaboxerrescue.org/
- Cat Angels Pet Adoptions: http://www.catangelsnc.org/
- Cause for Paws: http://www.cfp-nc.org/
- Cavalier Rescue USA: http://www.cavalierrescueusa.org/
- Central Carolina Community College: http://www.cccc.edu/
- Charlotte Cocker Rescue: http://www.charlottecockerrescue.com/
- Chatham Animal Rescue and Education: http://www.chathamanimalrescue.org/
- Chihuahua Rescue and Transport: http://www.chihuahua-rescue.com/
- Col. Potter Cairn Terrier Rescue: http://www.cairnrescue.com/
- Collie Rescue of the Carolinas: http://www.collierescue.net/
- Daytona Beach German Shepherd Rescue: http://www.dbgsdrescue.org/main.html
- Diamonds in a Ruff Rescue: http://www.diamondsinaruff.com/

o Durham Animal Protection Society:

http://www.apsofdurham.org/

o Feline Canine Fellowship Coalition:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Feline-Canine-Fellowship-Coalition/507927246004203

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 Fredericksburg Regional SPCA: http://fburgspca.org/

Friends of Eden Animal Shelter:

http://friendsoftheedenanimalshelter.weebly.com/

o German Shepherd Hope Rescue:

http://germanshepherdhoperescue.rescuegroups.org/

o German Shepherd Rescue:

http://www.gsdrescue.org/

o Goathouse Refuge:

http://www.gsdrescue.org/

o GoldHeart Golden Retriever Rescue:

http://www.goldheart.org/

o Greater Dayton Lab and Great Dane Rescue:

http://www.gdlrr.org/

o Greyhound Friends of North Carolina:

http://www.greyhoundfriends.com/

o Guardian Dog Rescue:

http://www.guardianresq.com/

o Happy Chances Animal Friends:

https://www.facebook.com/happychancesanimalfriends

o Haven Animal Shelter – Friends for Life:

http://www.thehaven-friendsforlife.org/

Hope Animal Rescue:

http://www.hopeanimals.org/

o Hope for Life Rescue:

http://www.hopeforliferescue.com/

o Humane Society of Alamance County:

http://www.hsaconline.org/

o Independent Animal Rescue:

http://www.animalrescue.net/

o Internet Minature Pinscher Service (IMPS):

http://www.minpinrescue.org/

o Jersey Shore Animal Center:

http://www.jerseyshoreanimalcenter.org/

Jesse's Place Rescue:

http://savethelabs.com/

o Journey of Hope d/b/a Forgotten Tails:

https://www.facebook.com/ForgottenTails/timeline

o Juliet's House:

http://julietshouse.weebly.com/

O Knick Knack Pittie Pack:

- http://www.knickknackpittiepack.org/
- Lending Paws A Hand, Inc.: http://lpah.org/
- o Libby's Haven for Senior Canines:
 - http://www.lhsk9.org/
- Little Black Dog Rescue:
 - http://www.littleblackdogrescue.org/home.html
- O Loving Pet Inn Adoptions:
 - http://lovingpetinnadoptions.org/
- Mastiffs to Mutts:
 - http://www.mastiffstomutts.com/
- Merit Pit Bull Foundation:
 - http://www.themeritpitbullfoundation.com
- Mid-Atlantic Pug Rescue:
 - http://www.midatlanticpugrescue.org/
- o Moore Labs, Inc.:
 - http://moore-labs.com/
- Nadias Haven of Hope Foundation:
 - http://www.nadiashavenofhopefoundation.com/
- National Great Pyrenees Rescue: http://www.nationalpyr.org/
- o Neuse River Golden Retriever Rescue:
 - http://www.goldenrescuenc.org/
- o North Carolina Schnauzer Rescue:
 - http://www.ncschnauzers.org/
- North Carolina Yorkie Rescue:
 - http://www.ncyorkierescue.net/Pages/default.aspx
- Old North Canine Rescue:
 - http://www.oldnorthcanine.com/
- Open Arms at the Wolfe Den:
 - http://www.openarmsatthewolfeden.com/
- o Partners! Canines:
 - http://partnerscanines.org/
- o Pawfect Match Rescue:
 - http://www.pawfectmatch.org/
- o Paws and Claws SPCA:
 - http://awos.petfinder.com/shelters/VA556.html
- o Pet Adoption & Welfare Society (PAWS):
 - http://www.carolinapaws.com/
- Project Racing Home Greyhound Adoptions:
 - http://www.getagreyhound.com/
- Reach Out Rescue and Resources:
 - http://www.reachoutrescue.org/
- o Red Dog Farm Animal Rescue Network:
 - http://www.reddogfarm.com/
- o Rescue Ur Forever Friend:

- http://www.ncruff.org/
- RescueConnect:
 - http://www.rescueconnectnc.com/
- o Rottweiler Hearts Rescue:
 - http://www.rottweilerheartsrescue.org/
- o Russell Rescue, Inc.:
 - http://www.russellrescue.com/
- o Safe Haven for Cats:
 - http://www.safehavenforcats.org/
- Schnauzer Rescue of the Carolinas:
 - http://www.schnauzerrescueofthecarolinas.org/
- Second Chance Pet Adoptions:
 - https://www.secondchancenc.org/
- o Shar-Pei Rescue of VA:
 - http://www.sharpeirescueofva.org/
- o Siamese Rescue:
 - http://www.siameserescue.org/
- Snowflake Animal Rescue:
 - http://www.snowflakerescue.org/
- o Southeast Beagle Rescue:
 - http://www.southeastbeaglerescue.org/
- Southern Siberian Rescue:
 - http://www.southernsiberian.com/
- o Southern States Rescued Rottweilers:
 - http://www.ssrr.org/
- o Sparkle Cat Rescue:
 - http://www.sparklecatrescue.org/
- o The Biscuit Foundation:
 - http://www.biscuitfoundation.org/
- Three Sisters and A Brother Animal Rescue: http://www.tsaabanimalrescue.com/index.html
- Triad Golden Retriever Rescue:
 - http://www.tgrr.org/
- o Triangle Beagle Rescue of NC:
 - http://www.tribeagles.org/
- o Triangle Sheltie Rescue of NC:
 - http://www.triangleshelties.com/
- Underdog Ranch Pet Adoptions:
 - http://udranch.org/
- Unspoken Loving Animal Rescue:
 - http://www.unspokenlovinganimalrescue.com/
- Wags Rescue:
 - http://www.wagsrescue.org/